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The Honorable Board Of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) TO PROVIDE PEST AND  
INVASIVE WEED CONTROL ON CALTRANS PROPERTY FOR  
FISCAL YEARS 2005/2006 AND 2006/2007  
ALL DISTRICTS (3-VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve and instruct the Agricultural Commissioner/ Director of Weights and Measures to sign the attached Cooperative Agreement # 07A1888 with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), authorizing the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department (ACWM) to provide pest and invasive weed control services on Caltrans property within and adjacent to the County in the amount of \$1,200,000 for work performed between July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.
2. Authorize ACWM, pursuant to County Code Section 6.06.020, to hire an additional six (6) positions, as shown below, pending allocation by the Department of Human Resources.
3. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to amend the contract in an amount not to exceed 10% of the original contract amount.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Caltrans has requested ACWM to provide pest and invasive weed control services on freeways and other Caltrans property within and adjacent to the County.

Since the early 1980's, your Board has approved similar contracts with Caltrans for pest and invasive weed control services.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This Agreement supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal 3, *Organizational Effectiveness*, and Goal 4, *Fiscal Responsibility*. ACWM will respond to the request for pest and invasive weed control with a highly efficient and experienced team of County employees.

ACWM's fiscal capacity is strengthened as a result of Caltrans' willingness to reimburse ACWM for its expertise in safely and effectively controlling pests and invasive weeds.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Adequate appropriation will be made available in fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 to cover contract costs.

Reimbursement for pest and invasive weed control services will be made to ACWM by Caltrans.

This contract is 100% revenue offset. There is no change to ACWM's net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

It is within the scope of the mission of ACWM to help prevent the establishment and reduce the spread of harmful and invasive weeds, insect and vertebrate pests.

The terms of the Cooperative Agreement shall be for the period commencing July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2007.

The Cooperative Agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

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### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

It is anticipated that pest and invasive weed control services will be performed by County employees only. In the event that specialized equipment is needed, ACWM will meet the specific equipment requirements through competitive bid solicitation (low bidder) of private contractors.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The Cooperative Agreement provides funds for six additional ordinances positions (one Senior Biologist, two Pest Control Workers, and three Weed Hazard Pest Abatement Workers). These positions will be 100% revenue offset.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is requested that the five (5) copies of the Cooperative Agreement submitted to your Board, along with the minute order authorizing the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to sign, be returned to ACWM. ACWM will forward to Caltrans.

Respectfully submitted,

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Agricultural Commissioner/  
Director of Weights and Measures

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Auditor-Controller